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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of Annual Rate Adjustment
Mechanisms and Petition for Accounting Order
Docket No. 2018-358-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On June 24, 2019, in response to an E-Mail inquiry from Hearing Officer Randall Dong, on which all parties were copied, counsel for Blue Granite Water Company ("BGWC") stated that BGWC "[did] not view the six-month deadline as applying in this proceeding."¹

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") informs the Parties and the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that, in reliance upon the statement of counsel for BGWC, it is ORS's understanding that BGWC has elected to waive its right under § 58-5-240(E) to put into effect the change in rates requested in its Amended Application filed on February 21, 2019.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-Mail)
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-Mail)

¹ According to S.C. Code ann. 58-5-240(C), subsequent to filing of a schedule for any change in rates by a utility, the Commission "shall rule and issue its order approving or disapproving the changes in full or in part within six months after the date the schedule is filed." According to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(E), "[i]f the Commission fails to rule or issue its order within the time prescribed in subsection (c) or subsection (d) of this section, the utility may put into effect the change in rates it requested in its schedule. The change is to be treated as any approval of the new rate schedule by the Commission."